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Page 2**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0002] with the following amended paragraph:

[0002] Most women will experience a vaginal infection at least once in their lives. In the United States, women seek medical help for vaginal infections more than 10,000,000 times a year. For adult women, vaginal infections are the most common reason these women seek medical attention. These vaginal infections can be accompanied by a variety of symptoms, including: abdominal abnormal discharge, ~~or~~ odor, itching, burning, and pain or irritation with intercourse or urination. The three most common vaginal infections are bacterial vaginosis, candidiasis and trichomoniasis. If left untreated, bacterial vaginosis may cause complications. In pregnancy, bacterial vaginosis has been associated with premature birth and low-birth-weight infants. There may also be a risk of trinecologic complications. Bacterial vaginosis has been associated with abnormal Pap smear results, including inflammation and other cervical changes. Women with bacterial vaginosis may have increased risk of developing pelvic inflammation disease, a complication that can require hospitalization. Complications associated with pelvic inflammation disease include infertility, pelvic pain and ectopic (or tubal) pregnancy. Untreated bacterial vaginosis has also been associated with some increased risk of sexually transmitted diseases and infections following gynecologic surgery.

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Please replace paragraph [0005] with the following amended paragraph:

[0005] A variety of undergarments with different crotch constructions and materials are known. Faust, U.S. Pat. No. 4,009,495, discloses a women's stretch panty made of stretchable nylon, or similar synthetic material to provide [[to]] a stretchable basic garment. A crotch portion is provided intricately knit of cotton thread because ~~—Because~~ of the comfort and breathability of cotton, but more importantly, the openings or mesh in the cotton knit are considerably greater than those of the stretch yarn forming the body portion. The cotton crotch portion has a mesh opening of at least ten times more (larger) than the mesh opening of a knit plastic body portion. Furthermore, the large mesh or open knit cotton of the crotch portion has no appreciable stretchability. However, Faust maintains that this is not a serious disadvantage since the area of the large mesh cotton crotch is only a small portion of the total area of the panty.

Please replace paragraph [00027] with the following amended paragraph:

[0027] FIG. 7 illustrates another arrangement of panels in an undergarment according to the present invention. In this embodiment, the crotch portion may ~~be included~~ include the second panel 14 secured to the front face 36 or rear face 38 of the front panel 12 and the third panel 14' may be attached to the second panel 14.

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Please replace paragraph [00028] with the following amended paragraph:

[00028] The front panel 12, second panel 14, third panel 14' and back panel 26 are made from fabrics under any method known to those skilled in the art, including for example, but not limited to, weaving or knitting threads together in a repeating pattern, each pattern defining an opening between adjacent threads. As shown in FIG. 8, one embodiment may include woven threads having a first set of threads 40 generally running in one direction and a second set of threads 42 generally running in a second direction which may be perpendicular to the first direction. An opening 44 is provided between the adjacent pairs of threads 40 and 42. The front panel 12 may include a plurality of first threads. The second panel 14 may include a plurality of second threads. The back panel 26 may include a plurality of third threads. The front panel 12 and the back panel 26 may be made from any synthetic, man made thread, including, but not limited to, nylon, lycra, acrylic, or polyester based threads; or the panels 12, 26 ~~may~~ may be made ~~for~~ from a nature material such as silk or other similar material to provide a silky to the touch feel. The threads of the second panel 14 may include cotton. However, the openings 44 between threads of the fabric of the front panel 12 and the back panel 26 are substantially smaller than the openings 44 between the threads of the second panel 14. In a preferred embodiment, the threads of the second panel 14 consist essentially of cotton. In one embodiment, the average area of the openings between the threads of the second panel 14 range from 2-9 times larger than the average area of the openings between the threads of the front panel 12. In another embodiment, the average area of the openings between the threads of the second panel 14 are 3-8 times greater than the average area of the openings between the threads of the second panel 12. In another embodiment, the average area of the openings

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between the threads of the second panel 14 are 3-6 times greater than the average area of the openings between the threads and the front panel 12. For example, the [[c]] area of the opening 44 between the threads of the second panel 14 may be on average 100 micrometers squared, and the average area of the openings between threads of the front panel 12 may be 25 micrometers squared. In a preferred embodiment, the second panel 14 consists essentially of threads of cotton, and optionally the third panel 14' consists essentially of threads of cotton.

Please replace paragraph [00029] with the following amended paragraph:

In one embodiment, the second panel 14 is not covered by another fabric material that has openings between threads that are less than the openings between threads of the second ~~pane~~ panel 14. In another embodiment, the undergarment does not include another fabric covering the second panel that has openings between threads that are less than 3 times smaller than the openings between threads of the second panel 14. In one embodiment no synthetic material covers a substantial portion of the second panel 14.

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Please replace paragraph [00034] with the following amended paragraph:

In one embodiment of the invention, a women's panty was provided with a synthetic first panel 12, back panel 26, and a second panel 14 comprising cotton. The panty was examined under a 50x microscope with a measuring scale having a minimum scale division of 0.2 mm. The first panel 12 ~~includes~~ included synthetic thread that measured about 0.1 mm, and included ~~opening~~ openings between threads that had a generally triangle like ~~shaped~~ shape. The height of the triangle shaped opening was about 0.12 mm and the base was about 0.1 mm. The area of each opening in the front panel 12 was about 0.006 mm². The second panel 14 included cotton threads that were about 0.2 mm thick, and also included openings between threads that were generally triangle like shaped. The height of the triangle in the second panel 14 was about 0.3 mm and the base was about 0.2 mm. The area of each opening was about 0.03 mm². As such, the openings in the second panel 14 were about 5 times larger than the openings in the front panel 12.